Dear Dick, 4/25/93

In yesterday's mail I got two of Livingstone's more recent letters. I believe they reflect his focus on me as the imagine cause of all his troubles and the deterioration in his psychological state I feared from the first when he had to face the fact that the book of which he had so high an opinion is not at all what he had expected. His lies are more obvious. He lies to even those he wrote the opposite than he says, for all the world as though he hadn't. My chief interest here is myself. There is but one specific reference to C & G, perhaps a second, of any possible meaning.

After several references to what he alleges I had done to him, and hadn't, he says this of me:

"He has caused a vast amount of trouble since. People would have done better to let me alone to do my research, because when people take the kind of action Harold and his gangsters have taken, I respond with my brains and more investigation. When people interfere with my publisher, as has happened repeatedly, I respond with great fury in this research. My publisher, for whom I am money in the bank, gives me yet more contracts. They know we have stirred something up that people will be interested in reading about."

He also wrote, "It is essential that you cooperate 100% with us now, and fast, because others have been investigating you and the others, and there is a lot of criminal activity as well as fraud and misrepresentation. Rick was so angry he made moves for official action. I have been provided with Washington lawyers to do the same."

Rick is Richard Waybright, the Baltimore cop who has worked most for Harry. Whether or not either of them belives that, and given what they have believed it is not impossible, there is no basis for any "official" interest in anything I have done, in anything I can imagine the others of Harry's imagined conspiracy against him could have done, and I do not have any reason for believing or not believing that he was "provided with Washington lawyers." If true, it has to have been for entirely different purposes of he has the firm of Shyster, Shyster, Shyster and Hemlock because all of this is the product of his sick mind. Which now includes a bit less of his megalomania, one of the causes of my increased apprehension.

His "money in the bank" comment is not by any means the only one he has made to C & G responding to criticisms of him and his work with additional contracts. He has referred to one and to two additional books, after High Trash 3.

Harry and Waybright, who is less than bright in what he has been doing and wrote me that he believes, may actually believe that the phony Texas-wide assassination conspiracy from the phony French spook book that Harry has adopted as his own, is real. It isn't. And he has been fed it by those with ulterior motives. (He does have Farewell America in his High Trash 2 bibliography with the impossible identification of its alleged author. Or, he believes it, as he told me he does.) He declined the proof that Farewell is phony, by the French spooks, preferring his own mythology. For "money in the bank." So, I'm more concerned.

Best, Harold